

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Our Exchange Column.

Any of our readers desiring to exchange specimens in natural history, books, toys, or in fact, anything, may advertise free in the children's department, by sending names and addresses, and naming the articles to be exchanged and the articles desired. No one person will be allowed more than five lines in any one issue.

LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first attempt to write for the EVANGELIST. I am thirteen years old, and go to Sunday school every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mrs. Eby. She is a very good teacher. Cyrus Fox is Superintendent, and John Fox is assistant. Norman Eby is librarian and secretary. We have a very good school. Ella Morton: "Cucumbers" is found in Numbers 11:5; and Isaiah 1:8. Where in the Bible do you find the word "cousins"? Please answer my question.

JENNIE S. STEPHAN.

AURELIA, IOWA.

I will write again, as my other letter did not go into the waste basket. The flowers are in bloom, and my brothers, Ray and Chester, picked bouquets. I have been very sick for the past week. There will be a communion at the Brethren church next Saturday. Which is the longest verse in the Bible?

Good-by,

LILLIAN E. HOLSINGER.

Rockwell City, Kan.

Since my other letter escaped the waste basket I will write again. I am seven years old, go to school and read in the third reader. I go to Sabbath school. Mrs. Annie Leedy is my teacher. I love to go to Sabbath school and learn about Jesus. I want to be a good boy, so when I become a man, I may be a useful man. If I live I want to be ready for Ashland college when I am sixteen years old. Brother Bowman, of Ashland, is our preacher. We like him very much. I would like to see more letters from the little folks.

HOMER GRUBB.

North Liberty, O.

My first day, I read in the first reader and spell. My teacher's name is Mr. Plank. I have two little brothers. We all go to Sabbath school. My mamma is my teacher.

Papa and we boys took a walk to the wood's this afternoon. We gathered a large bouquet of wild flowers for mamma.

Will some one of the little readers tell me who walked on the water besides Jesus?

ORVA GRUBB.

North Liberty, O.

I will try and write a letter for the children's column. I read the letters from the children and noticed that there were only three letters in the children's column last week. We ought to have more letters than that. Your Little Reader,

OLIVE VIOLA COPP.

Kernstown, Va.

DEAR EDITOR: I read the letter that you wrote to the children, and I will write a short letter. This is the third time I have written, and not one of my letters were put in the waste basket. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren church. Papa preaches at Latrobe every four weeks. My uncle preaches at our church two weeks from tonight. I stay with my grandmother and grandpapa. We will organize our Sunday school today, and I want to go. I am thirteen years old.

DORA E. SMOUSE.

Vineco, Pa.

I saw by the last EVANGELIST that our editor is getting discouraged. I will tell what I have been doing since school is out. I went to the woods and gathered some wild flowers to make a flower bed. I helped pa make garden. Pa would spade and I would rake and plant the seed. It is raining today and I have to stay in the house. I have two pets, a dog and a crow. My dog's name is Topsy and my crow is named Jimmie. I was down to Pleasant Hill last Sunday and brother Cober preached there for the first time. I liked to hear him preach very much. I will answer Gertrude Brown's question: "River" is found in the second chapter and tenth verse of Genesis.

ISAAC HARRISON.

Bradford, O.

TRANSFIGURATION.

LESSON VII, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, MAY 18.

Text of the Lesson, Luke ix, 28-36—Commit Verses 33-35—Golden Text, Luke ix, 35—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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28. "And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings." These sayings evidently refer to what is recorded in this chapter from verses 13 to 27, including the testimony of Peter concerning Christ, Christ's own testimony concerning His approaching sufferings and death and resurrection, and that those who follow Him must be content to suffer with Him; but that there is a future glory awaiting all such which will more than recompense for all the suffering, and that some of them would not die till they had seen the glory of that kingdom. He also testified that if any preferred their life in this world they would lose the world to come, but if willing to renounce this world for His sake they would receive and forever enjoy the glory of the kingdom of God.

"He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray." These are the three whom He took with Him to see Jairus' daughter raised to life, and the same three He took nearest to Him in the garden of Gethsemane. He saw fit to elect these to be with Him on these occasions. He elected twelve out of all His followers whom He might qualify for special service. He has an elect nation through whom He yet purposes to make Himself known to the world. He is now gathering an elect church out of all nations which shall reign with Him as priest-kings when through His elect Israel He will subdue the world unto Himself. Election, when understood, is glorious.

29. "And as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment was white and glistering." Matthew and Mark say that He was transfigured; Matthew says that His face did shine as the sun; Mark says that His raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow, as no fuller on earth can white them; Matthew says His raiment was white as the light. Here was for a brief season the outshining of that glory which was hidden in that mortal body during His humiliation, reminding us of the garden of Eden when man made in the image of God was clothed with light as with a garment (Ps. civ, 1, 2; Gen. i, 27); and pointing us forward to the resurrection and the time of the Kingdom, when we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is; and the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom.

30. "And, behold, there talked with Him two men, which were Moses and Elias." Moses, the servant of the Lord, died on Mount Nebo 1,480 years before this, and the Lord buried him in a valley in the land of Moab (Deut. xxxiv). It was about 900 years since Elijah was translated without dying (II Ki. ii); and yet here are both alive and well, and as if in the presence of the resurrection of Moses' body, then both stood here in their immortal bodies. Blessed is God for the life eternal and for the assurance that if we are in Christ we shall be alive and well 1,000 years hence, 2,000 years hence, yes, to all eternity, in increasing fellowship with Him. This is a fore-shadowing of the coming of the Son of Man in His Kingdom, and tells us that in that day Christ, who once lived on earth in humiliation, shall come in His glory and that He shall be accompanied by all His risen saints and those who shall have been translated without dying, both represented here by Moses and Elijah. That the dead shall rise and the living be instantly changed at His coming, see I Thess. iv, 16-18; I Cor. xv, 50-52. We would like to know how Moses and Elijah had spent all these hundreds of years since they left the earth; where have they been and what have they been doing? But we must wait.

31. "Who appeared in glory, and spake of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem." This verse and the next are peculiar to Luke, Matthew and Mark, simply saying that Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus, and omitting all reference to the disciples being heavy with sleep. "And when they were awake, they saw His glory, and the two men that stood with Him." The R. V. says, "When they were fully awake," and in the margin "Having remained awake." He was gracious unto them and suffered them not to lose all. They saw His glory, and they saw Moses and Elijah. Peter refers to it as "The power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," and says "We were eye witnesses of His Majesty" (II Pet. i, 16). At the same time Peter tells us that we have a more sure word of prophecy whereunto we do well to take heed.

32. "And it came to pass, as they departed from Him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; * * * not knowing what He said." Had he been wide awake and heard the conversation between Jesus, Moses and Elijah he would probably have talked more wisely and have known what he was talking about. 33. "While He thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them, and they feared as they entered into the cloud." All through the wilderness "the Lord went before them in a pillar of cloud." When the Tabernacle was erected "a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle;" and when the Temple was dedicated the house was filled with a cloud and with the glory of the Lord (Ex. xiii, 21; xl, 34; II Chr. v, 13, 14). In the vision of Isaiah (vi, 4) the house was filled with smoke, and Ezekiel (i, 4) saw a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness about it. At His ascension a cloud received Him, and when He comes again it will be in the clouds of Heaven (Acts i, 9; Matt. xxvi, 64). So also when the risen and translated saints meet Him in the air, it shall be in the clouds (I Th. iv, 17). As to their fear, so earthly are we and so little awake to Heavenly realities, that anything unearthly or even unusual is apt to fill us with awe.

34. "And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son; hear Him." Matthew adds, "In whom I am well pleased." The R. V. says, "This is my Son, my chosen; hear ye Him." At His baptism the voice from Heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. iii, 17; Mark i, 11; Luke iii, 22). On a third occasion when Jesus prayed, "Father,

glorify Thy name," the voice from Heaven said, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again" (John xii, 28). So that we have three distinct testimonies from the Father concerning His Son. We have also the Son's own testimony to this effect, "He that sent me is with me; the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please Him" (John viii, 29). When we accept Jesus and delight ourselves in Him, the Father is well pleased with us for His dear Son's sake. We are accepted in the Beloved and in Him have redemption (Eph. i, 6, 7). 35. "And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone." Matthew says that when the disciples heard the voice they fell on their face and were sore afraid; but Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise and be not afraid," and when they lifted up their eyes they saw no man save Jesus only. Not even Moses or Elijah may be put on a level with Jesus. There is no salvation in either.

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Richard Arnold Corrected.

A circular entitled "Plain Talk" issued by R. Arnold, of Kansas, came to our notice, in which he makes some grave charges, which we can not pass unnoticed. We can scarcely believe that it was with malicious intent, but we must positively and emphatically say that our brother is mistaken. We say it is not true that the German Baptist trustees transferred their property to cheat their creditors. It is not true that the college debt is so large that it can not be paid. It is not true that if we did pay for the college that the title would not be good. It is true that the debt is increasing "that is the interest;" and that is the reason why we are trying to raise the balance of the money and stop the interest. It is true that the debt of the College was \$41,600.00. It is true that the old trustees assumed this debt, for the laws of Ohio hold them liable. It is true that the entire college property was sold out by a receiver for \$23,142.50. It is true that the old trustees pay the deficiency \$17,357.50 out of their own pockets, all for the glory of having been trustees of a college, with a view of doing good to our people and to the public in general. It is true that very few of these old trustees refused to pay their share of this debt. It is true that a few did refuse to pay their share which makes the burden so much heavier on those who are willing to pay. It is also true that brother Arnold was one of the old trustees and should have been willing to pay his share of this debt, which it seems he was not willing to do. But unfortunately for him some of his property at Ashland was attached to pay a college note on which he was security, and in this way he was made to pay a part of his share of this old debt, and now he is seeking revenge by circulating this report, casting reflections on the old trustees and hurting the college work. Yours for the truth.

Louisville, Ohio.

Several who endorsed college paper did take steps to protect their own property to pay their individual debts and prevent a reckless sacrifice of their property by one or two creditors, while others with equal claims should receive nothing. I have no knowledge that any one of these has refused to pay his equitable portion of the debt, and they have already bought in a number of the old claims.—A. L. GARNER.

From Brooklyn, Iowa.

A few lines from this little vine might be of some interest to the readers of the EVANGELIST. We are moving along slowly, spiritually speaking. No great revival to chronicle, (would to God we could) of a general awakening and shaking up of the old dry bones, something of a Pentecostal shower. There has been a dark cloud hanging over this little band of believers seemingly perverse. The mists of late are beginning to disappear. Brother Noah Flora, of Dallas Center, comes once a month to hold forth the Word to us in its plain, simple way. Three precious souls have recently come out on the Lord's side, with prospect of more. According to your proposition in EVANGELIST, I will send in some names for the extra May number, to be used at your discretion, trusting many new names may be added to the EVANGELIST list in this way. Every member of the church ought to take the paper. It needs their support. It is a powerful medium of much good being done, in the way of leading many precious souls to Christ. So let us be up and about our Master's business, and not grow weary in well doing. D. M. BAKER.

Brooklyn, Iowa.

From Mt. Zion Church, O.

The Mt. Zion church will commence a meeting, May 28, at 7:30 p. m., and continue over Sunday. Will hold communion on Sunday evening, the 31st, or on Monday evening, the 1st of June. A full attendance is earnestly requested, and members of sister congregations are cordially invited. Brother P. J. Brown will be with us. Now brethren and sisters let us put on the "whole armor of God," that if we are permitted to assemble at Mt. Zion, and gather around the communion table, we may enjoy true Christian fellowship, and as we engage in those memorial services, we may also enjoy a real spiritual feast.

I want to say a word to the canvassers of the home mission board. Please make a thorough canvass. We want to make a good report. The convention will meet at Ashland on the 5th of June, and we want them to give us a little help in southern Ohio, especially in Melggs county and southern Hocking county. DANIEL HENRICKS.

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